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Re: Further to your request, please find attached interview topics for Serial. No. 09/933,987 as requested. I look forward to scheduling an interview with you on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

David Bonham

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Interview topics

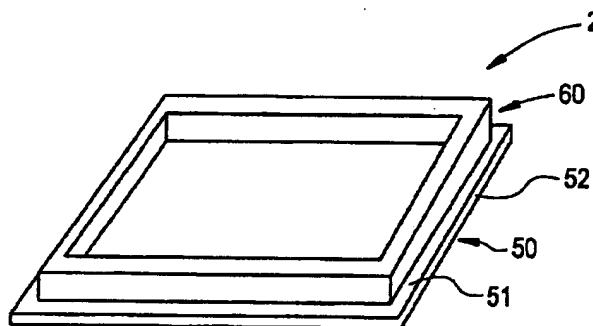
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The primary topic of interest is the rejection of the presently pending independent claims. The applicable reference is U.S. Patent No. 6,383,664 to Bernius et al. ("Bernius et al."). Our position follows.

Independent claims 1, 17 and 21 require, among other things, *a patterned getter layer*, which is disposed between a substrate and a cover, and which is *configured so as to substantially avoid obstructing light transmission that is permitted by the cover between an organic device and an outer environment*.

Fig. 1A of Bernius et al. (reproduced below), however, illustrates a "cover 2 having a lid 50 and a raised rim 60 extending from the bottom surface 51 of the lid 50. The rim 60 is recessed from the outer edge 52 of the lid 50." Bernius et al. at col. 3, lines 36-39 (emphasis added).

FIG. 1A



Bernius et al., at col. 5, line 64 to col. 6, line 1, further states that "the inner surface of the lid [50] is coated with a thin film of reactive metal which serves as a sacrificial 'getter' of traces of moisture, oxygen, and other potential harmful contaminants trapped inside the sealed cavity." (Emphasis added.)

Page 10 of the final Office Action of June 20, 2003 asserts: "For transmission of light from the device through the lid it can be anticipated that the getter (barium film) is

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patterned (deposited) on the raised rim. In Fig. 1A the getter is on the inside raised rim portion."

It is not seen how this assertion is supported by the teachings of Bernius et al. Where a getter layer is employed, the devices of Bernius et al. are clearly intended to be bottom (substrate) emitting devices, because Bernius teaches that the inner surface of the lid [50] is to be coated with the getter. Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion of a patterned getter (e.g., a getter layer provided in the form of a ring, a getter layer provided between pixels, a getter layer provided as narrow bands or small dots of getter material, etc.) in Bernius et al.

See also the Example in Bernius, where the glass lid is sand-blasted, and a film of barium deposited, without patterning, onto the cavity formed by the raised rim that is created by the sand-blasting. Note that both the sand-blasting and the getter deposition would render the device unfit for emission through the lid.

In view of the above, independent claims 1, 17 and 21 are patentable over Bernius et al., at least because Bernius et al. does not teach or suggest a patterned getter layer, which is disposed between a substrate and a cover, and which is configured so as to substantially avoid obstructing light transmission that is permitted by the cover between an organic device and an outer environment.

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